

## **Collin County Counterfeit Certificate Activity**

The Dallas County Sheriff's Clean Air Emissions Task Force, the Texas Department of Public Safety, and the Richardson and Plano Police Departments worked together on the following emissions enforcement cases:

### November 2012

- Dallas Emissions Task Force received a traffic stop tip about counterfeit inspection certificates being sold in Richardson, Texas.
- With assistance from the Richardson Police Department, undercover detectives from the Task Force successfully purchased two counterfeit certificates from the suspect and performed a search of his vehicle, resulting in two more counterfeits being confiscated.
- Suspect was arrested in Collin County and provided tips on two additional suspects; one in Plano, Texas and one in Allen, Texas.

### December 2012

- Second covert operation, conducted by the Task Force with assistance from the Plano Police Department, resulted in two more counterfeits being purchased and two arrests being made in Plano, Texas.
- One of the two suspects was charged in Collin County with a second degree felony; the other suspect was arrested but not charged.

### February 2013

- Third covert operation, conducted by the Task Force with assistance from the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), resulted in 109 counterfeits being confiscated and two arrests made in Dallas County.
- Both suspects were from Allen, Texas. One of the two suspects was found to be running a counterfeit printing operation in Collin County and charged with multiple second degree felonies in Dallas County; the other was not charged.
- Suspect was believed to be producing 500+ counterfeits per week for distribution in Collin and Dallas Counties.

### **Final Result:**

- Shut down counterfeit certificate printing operation based in Allen, Texas.
- Five arrests made; one charged with second degree felony in Collin County and one charged with multiple second degree felonies in Dallas County.
- 115 counterfeit certificates purchased/confiscated.